

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	
)	DOCKET UT-061264
)	
Developing an Interpretive or Policy)	
Statement Relating to the Bundling of)	NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO
Telecommunications Services.)	FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
)	(By September 25, 2006)
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)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
)	(Set for October 24, 2006, 1:30
)	p.m.)
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- 1 At its August 16, 2006 open meeting, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) established a procedural vehicle to explore the issues raised by Verizon Northwest Inc.'s proposed bundling of telecommunications services. The Commission selected the process of exploring an interpretive or policy statement to address those issues. The Commission issues this notice to interested persons, calling for written comments and setting a workshop date.
- 2 **WRITTEN COMMENTS.** You may submit written comments to the Commission Secretary no later than **September 25, 2006**, for consideration at a workshop to be held on October 24, 2006. You may submit comments electronically or delivery to the Commission's secretary at 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250.
- 3 We encourage you to discuss in your written comments any issues that you believe will assist the Commission to meet its goal to develop an interpretive or policy statement relating to the bundling of telecommunications services. Topics for discussion may include:
 - Should the Commission allow bundling of services?
 - Should bundled services be offered at a discount from the total stand-alone element prices?
 - Should bundled tariff service offerings include both regulated (tariffed) services and competitive or unregulated services?
 - Does the use of bundles combining competitive and non-competitive services result in unfair competition?

- How might the Commission determine whether below-cost pricing of the competitive service exists in a bundle that combines competitive and non-competitive services?
- Should a bundle be included in a company's tariff if it requires the purchase of competitive or unregulated services?
- Should a bundle provide a discount to its tariffed service that requires the purchase of a particular company's competitive or unregulated service?
- If a company has multiple bundle offerings, should the relative prices of each bundle reflect the difference in the included elements? For example, may a bundle that includes dial tone, caller identification, and call waiting be priced higher than a bundle that includes those three services plus three-way calling?
- Does a bundle that includes competitive services, yet is offered through a tariff, create an exemption from the state's Consumer Protection Act?

4 **Filing Guidelines.** The Commission asks you to provide comments in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal at <www.wutc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <records@wutc.wa.gov>. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UT-061264)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

Please see paragraph 5 below, for format requirements if you submit comments as an attachment.

5 As an alternative you may submit electronic comments on a 3 ½ inch floppy disk or CD-ROM in both .pdf Portable Document Format (used by Adobe Acrobat) and .doc format (used by Microsoft Word 97 or later and certain other common word-processing applications). Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post all comments that are provided in electronic format on the Commission's Web site. The Web site is located at www.wutc.wa.gov.

6 If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

- 7 **STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP.** The Commission will convene a workshop to discuss issues in connection with the development of an interpretive or policy statement relating to the bundling of telecommunications services on **Tuesday, October 24, 2006, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters.** The Commission's address is:

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

- 8 The purpose of this workshop is to explore, in an informal setting, issues and policy considerations relating to the bundling of telecommunications services and to discuss comments.
- 9 If you cannot attend the workshop, you may arrange to dial into the Commission's conference bridge at (360) 664-3846. You may reserve a line by calling Virgil Santos at (360) 664-1280.
- 10 Questions regarding this proceeding may be addressed to Kathy Folsom at the above address, (360) 664-1279, or e-mail at kfolsom@wutc.wa.gov.

Dated at Olympia, Washington and effective September 8, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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